

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Sansbury-Griffith House
Survey No.: P.G.:82B-6 (PACS A163)

Property Address 8000 Croom Station Road, Croom Station, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address Mary Griffith / 8000 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772
Year Built circa 1871-1878

Description:

The Sansbury-Griffith House was previously surveyed for the Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan in July 1981 and by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in September 1981. The house remains unaltered since the prior survey. The meat house to the southeast has new metal siding and an asphalt shingle roof. To the south of the meat house and trailer are three wood-frame sheds which have collapsed. To the north of the house is a collapsing complex of outbuildings, including three barns, a concrete block garage, a chicken coop and a shed. The wood-frame barns and shed have collapsed, the roof of the garage has fallen and the chicken coop is severely deteriorated.

National Register Evaluation:

The Sansbury-Griffith House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of a common building type. Although the main house is in good condition, the associated outbuildings are in a state of ruin and no longer retain sufficient integrity to represent the agricultural heritage of the property. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility ☐ recommended ☒ not recommended

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments:

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996

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MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility recommended X not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

Comments:

Suzanne Pickens

07/21/1997

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

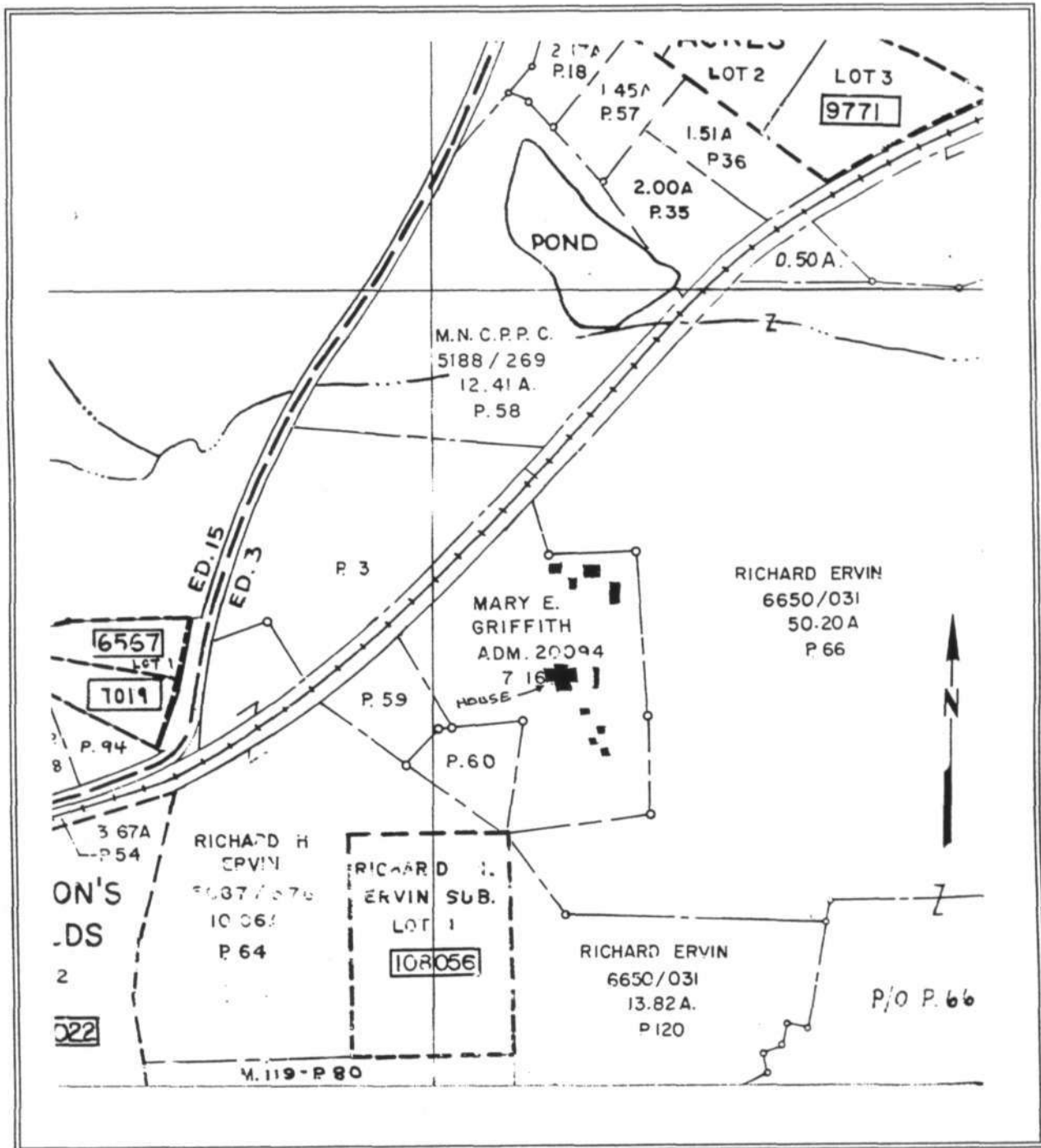
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Resource Sketch Map:



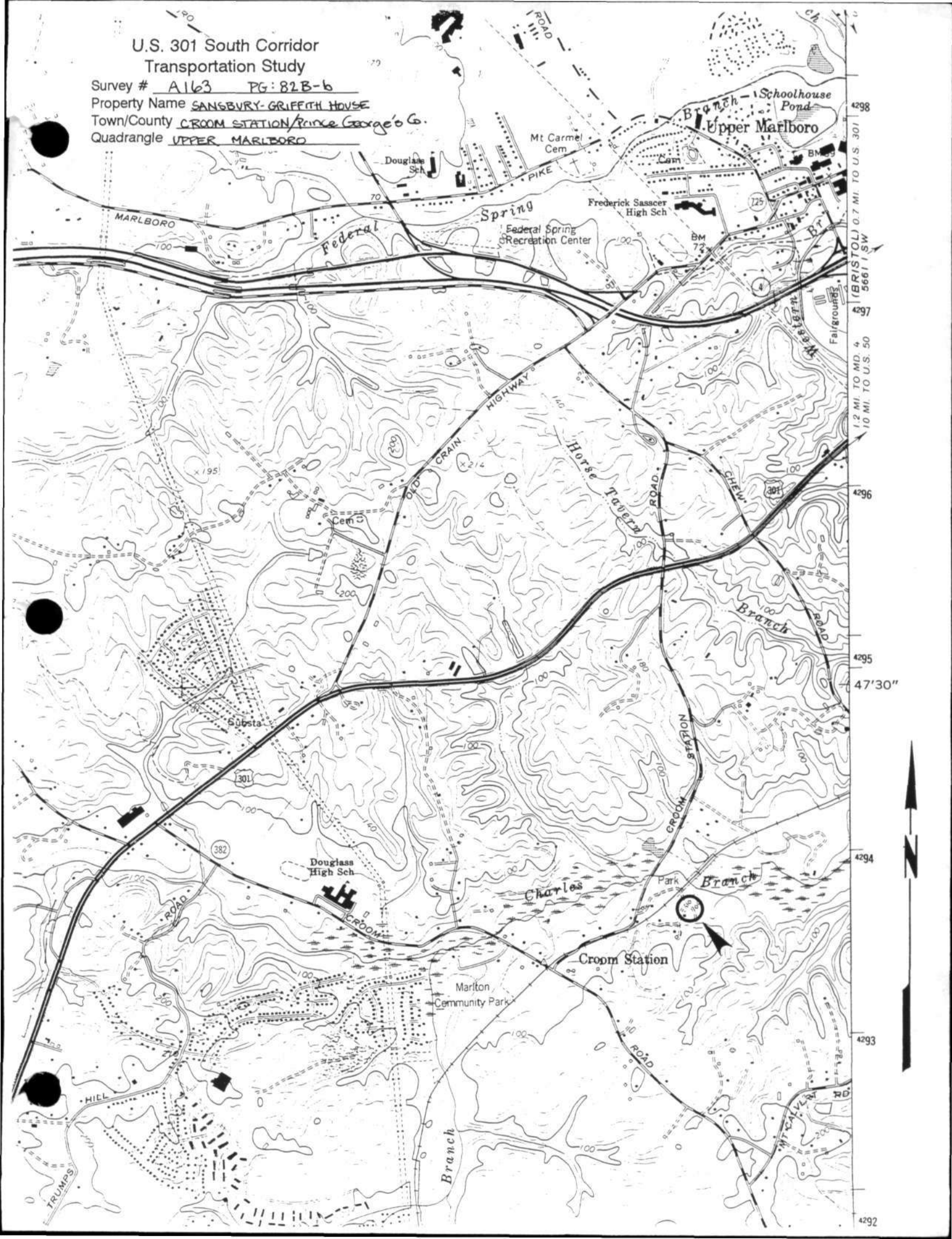
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Property Name SANSBURY-GRIFFITH HOUSE

Town/County CROOM STATION/Prince George's Co.

Quadrangle UPPER MARLBORO





1. PG: 82B-6
2. SANSBURY - GRIFFITH HOUSE, PRINCE GEORGES CO MD
3. TIM TAMBURRINO, 9/96
4. P.A.C. SPERO & CO
40 W. CHESAPEAKE AVE, SUITE 412
BALTIMORE, MD 21204
5. 8000 Croom Station Road, North (Front)
elevation of house
6. 1 of 5, South view,



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2. SANSBURY - GRIFFITH HOUSE PRINCE GEORGE'S CO , MD
3. TIM TAMBURRINO 9/96
4. P.A.C. SPERO E, CO
40 W. CHESAPEAKE AVE, SUITE 412
BALTIMORE , MD 21204
5. 8000 Cream Station Road , South elevation of
6. 2 of 5 Main house , North view ,



1. P.G.: 82B-6
2. Sansbury-Griffith House
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD
3. TIM TAMBURINO, 9/96
4. P.A.C. Spero + CO., 40 W. Chesapeake
Ave., #412, Balto., MD 21204
5. 8000 Cream Station Road, Barnes and
Sheds, at base of hill, North
6. 3 of 5 View,



1. P.G. 82B-4

2. Sansbury-Griffith House
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO, MD

3. TIM TAMBURINO, 9/96

4. P.A.C. Spero + Co., 40 W. Chesapeake Ave.,
#412, Balto., Md 21204

5. 5000 Cream Station Road, trailer and
shed Meathouse, west elevation
east view,
6. 4 of 5



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2. Sansbury - Griffith House
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO, MD

3. TIM TAMBURRINO, 9/96

4. P.A.C. Spero + Co., 40 W. Chesapeake Ave.,
#412, Balt., md 21204

5. 8000 Cream Station Road, Sheds,
west elevations, east view,

6. 5 of 5

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82 B-6 Building Date: ca. 1871-1878
Building Name: Sansbury-Griffith House
Location: ~~8000~~ 8000 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Sansbury-Griffith House is on a small hill above the Baltimore and Potomac railroad track running north of the house. The two-story frame, gable roof structure has a "T" shaped plan. The three-bay north (main) facade has a central entrance and a three-bay, screened entrance porch which turned posts and jigsaw brackets. Two 6/6 double hung sash windows flank the entrance. There are three on the second story. The boxed wood cornice has kicks in the gable ends. The house is German sided and rests on a parged brick foundation. The roof is asphalt shingled. A small interior corbelled brick chimney is at the gable ridge, just west of facade center. A second chimney, to form a pair flanking the center bay, was removed due to deterioration. The east and west gable ends are one-bay. The two-story, two-by-one-bay, gable roof, frame kitchen addition centered on the south (rear) facade has the same siding and cornice treatment as the main block. There are screened, shed roof one-story, two-bay porches across its east and west facades and a corbelled brick interior chimney on the south gable ridge. The addition was built early in the twentieth century. The main block has an "I" plan, with two rooms flanking a central hall on the first story and two on the second story. Southeast of the house is a one-story frame meat house on a cement foundation. It has a hip roof with a final.

Significance:

The Sansbury-Griffith House is a simple vernacular farmhouse with an "I" plan, located on hilly, open fields in a primarily rural section of Prince George's County. The house is significant because of its vernacular style and the fact that it has been owned by descendants of the Griffith family since 1899. The house was built between 1871 and 1878 by Richard H. Sansbury who acquired 100 acres of surrounding property with his father John M. Sansbury, in 1871. The house appears on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County but not on the 1861 Martenet map. The house and property were sold by Richard Sansbury in 1882 and acquired by Louis Griffith, a farmer, in 1899. The house and surrounding property still belongs to members of the Griffith family. Louis Griffith added the two room, two-story wing to the rear of the house early in the twentieth century.

Acreage: 1.11 acres

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)historic Sansbury - Griffith Houseand/or common Griffith House**2. Location**street & number 8000 Croom - Station Road not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro ☒ vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)name Mary E. Griffithstreet & number Box 341 telephone no.:city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Md. 20772**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2587street & number Main Street folio 533city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveystitle Historic Sites and Districts Plandate July 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ localdepository for survey records History Division M-NCPPCcity, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. PG-82B-6

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Sansbury-Griffith House is on a small hill overlooking the Baltimore and Potomac railroad right-of-way running directly north of the house. The two-story frame, gable roof structure has a "T" shaped plan, the main block oriented toward the north, having a two-story wing centered on the rear facade, perpendicular to the main block.

The three-bay north (main) facade has a central entrance and a three-bay, screened entrance porch across the first story. The porch has turned posts and jigsaw brackets. There are two 6/6 double hung sash windows flanking the entrance, and three on the second story. There is a boxed wood cornice with kicks in the gable ends. The main block is German sided and rests on a parged brick foundation. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There is a small interior corbelled brick chimney at the gable ridgeline, just west of the facade center. According to the owner a second chimney, which would have formed a pair flanking the center bay, was removed because it was deteriorated.

The east and west gable ends are one-bay, composed of a centered first and second story window. A concrete block, exterior chimney on the east facade was built when the interior chimney was removed.

The two-story, two-by-one-bay, gable roof, frame kitchen addition centered on the south (rear) facade has the same siding and cornice treatment as the main block. There are screened, shed roof one-story, two-bay porches placed symmetrically on its east and west facades. There is a corbelled brick interior chimney on the south gable ridge. The addition was built early in the twentieth century, according to the owner. The main block has an "I" plan, having two rooms flanking a central hall on the first story and two on the second story.

There is a metal trailer house immediately south east of the house. Also, southeast is one-story frame meat house on a cement foundation. It is covered with a deteriorated patterned tin covering and has a hip roof with a final. There is a complex of barns to the northeast, at the base of the hill.

8. Significance

Survey No. 82B-6

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates ca. 1871-78 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Notes

¹ Prince George's County Land Records, HB 4:554.

² Ibid. JWB 1:413.

³ Ibid. J.B. 4:395.

⁴ Conversation with Eleanor Griffith, April 1985.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.11 acres

Tax Map 110-E-4 p. 63

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro I

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date September 1981

street & number 14743 Govenor Oden Bowie Drive

telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: <u>Sansbury Miller's House</u>				
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Richard Sansbury House</u>				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Croom Station Road</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Upper Marlboro</u>				
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>			COUNTY: <u>Prince George's</u>	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Ralph L. Ball</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>5924 Natasha Drive</u>				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Berwyn Heights</u>			STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Prince George's County Courthouse</u>				
STREET AND NUMBER: _____				
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Upper Marlboro</u>			STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): _____				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: <u>None</u>				
DATE OF SURVEY: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____				
STREET AND NUMBER: _____				
CITY OR TOWN: _____			STATE: _____	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame building built on an L-plan. The main section has a small central chimney and a porch across the facade. The ell is also two stories and has a small internal end chimney.

The house is probably the Miller's house for a mill at the foot of the hill.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian		DATE 19 Sept 74
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC		
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue		
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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ESTATES

110065
LOT 1

FRANK J. PRINCIPE
5004/181
53.76 A.
P. 91

R-A

POND

M.N.C.P.P.C.
5188/269
12.41 A.
P. 58

LESTER L.
LEHMAN
5655/577
5.89 A
P. 3

MARY E.
GRIFFITH
ADM. 20094
7.16 A.
P. 63

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SNIDER W. SKINNER
2645-604
29.42 A
P. 30

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LOT
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1.83 A.
P. 48
S. S.
GARNER
5259/273
2.70 A.
P. 31

M.119-P.51

M. J. BARTON
5155/258
6.52 A
P. 44

BARTON'S
FIELDS
LOT 2

112022

RICHARD H.
ERVIN
5087/576
10.06 A
P. 64

RICHARD D. H.
ERVIN SUB.
LOT 1
108056

RALPH L. BALL
4061/636
13.82 A
P. 120

M.119-P.80

CHARLES C. MADDOX
5259/389
11.69 A.
P. 80

MAP 110-P.120

MAP 11

O-S

CROOM ROAD

BARTON'S
FIELDS
LOT 1

112022

CHAS. W. SMITH
2181-469
26.03 A.
P. 30

THOMAS C. DUL
727/372
110.49 A
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Prince George's County, Maryland
Marina King
April 1985
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#82 B-6

Sansbury-Griffith House
Prince George's County, Maryland
Marina King
April 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. 82B-6

Sansbury-Griffith House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
April 1985
North elevation
Neg; Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.